

Fair tonight and Wednesday; light south to west winds.

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ROBBER KILLED IN BOLD TRAIN HOLD-UP

Conductor, Although Badly Wounded, Succeeds in Routing Three Bandits. Shoots Leader Dead With Winchester.

Survivors, Leaving Companion to His Fate, Jump From Train and Take to the Woods.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—Three train robbers early this morning attempted to hold up the Louisville and Nashville train from the North, due here at 2:30 a. m.

After a fight on the train, when many shots were fired, Conductor J. D. Keen, though badly wounded himself, shot and instantly killed one of the robbers. The others then fled.

Hid Beneath Cars.

The robbers boarded the train at Lebanon Junction. Two hid beneath the baggage car and the day coach and one on the platform of the first coach.

Shortly after the train had left Lebanon Junction two of the men climbed over the tender and held up the fireman and engineer. The third man, who was the leader of the gang, entered the smoking car just as the conductor had started to go through the train.

The conductor was startled when the man jerked him by the shoulder, whirling him around and said: "Hold up your hands."

Strikes Robber in Face.

The conductor threw up his hands, but in doing so, struck the robber in the face. The robber then fired. The bullet struck Conductor Keen on the top of the head, but made only a flesh wound.

Keen ducked, struck at the robber, pushed past him into the baggage car, where he grabbed a Winchester from a rack and, returning to the smoker, fired at the robber. Again and again the conductor fired and the robber fell dead with three bullets in the body.

In the meantime, the train had slowed up and the men on the engine, leaving their companion to his fate, fled into the woods.

SEÑOR PULIDO LIKELY TO BE VENEZUELAN MINISTER

Said to Have Been Selected for Washington Post.

Although Señor Luis F. Pulido, chargé d'affaires of Venezuela to the United States does not care to discuss it, it is understood among the members of the diplomatic corps that he is to be appointed minister from Venezuela to the United States. In fact, a number of the diplomatic corps have called informally and congratulated the young diplomat on his good fortune.

The appointment will be made by President Castro, and information to that end has been received by Señor Pulido.

Señor Pulido is one of the youngest men in the Diplomatic Corps. He entered upon his career in 1896 as second secretary of the Venezuelan legation at London. In 1898 he was transferred to Washington as secretary under Minister Andrade. Since the departure of the latter in 1899 he has solely represented the interests of his country here. His father served as minister to this country for several years.

CONFESSES PURPOSE TO ASSASSINATE ALFONSO

Son of Venezuelan Official To Be Expelled From Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—It is officially confirmed that Anarchist Angel Pulgar, who was arrested at Oviedo, on December 8, has confessed his intention of assassinating King Alfonso.

The prisoner is the son of eñor Venancio Pulgar, president of the State of Zuli, in the Venezuelan confederation. Considering this, the police will merely expel Pulgar from the country.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Rains and snows from the lake region southward and eastward have been followed by generally clearing weather.

The temperatures are somewhat higher along the immediate Atlantic coast. The weather will be fair tonight and Wednesday in the East and South.

On the middle Atlantic coast the winds will be light westerly.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh westerly winds and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.

9 A. M. 33
12 M. 42
1 P. M. 25

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 4:47 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 7:19 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today 2:07 p. m.
High tide today 8:55 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 3:31 a. m.
High tide tomorrow 9:28 a. m.

ANTHRACITE OUTPUT UNUSUALLY LARGE

Production for Last Two Months of Year.

MEN URGED TO FULL EXTENT

Miners Returning to Work After Christmas Holiday—January Product May Prove Record Breaker.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 30.—A further slight improvement in the number of men at the mines is reported this morning by the coal companies throughout the region, and there are now between 85 and 90 per cent working. This number is expected to gradually increase in the course of the week, with the exception of New Year Day, when it is believed there will hardly be more than 75 per cent of the force in the mines.

The operators are urging the men to their full extent, and more coal is mined per man than at any other period in the history of mining. While in the last two months of 1901 the output was considered unusually large, the output for November and December of this year had been much more—about 18 per cent greater—even with the heavy losses experienced on Christmas and the days that have followed it.

January Output.

It is expected that this loss will be made up by extra work after New Year Day and that the output for January, which has no holiday, except the Russians' little Christmas, will be greater than that of November or December.

The sale of coal in the region is no greater than the actual need. There is no stock on hand, and mill owners and others using large quantities are not allowed to accumulate any. Every pound not needed here for the local trade is shipped East, West, and South.

BITUMINOUS MINERS TO ASK FOR INCREASED WAGES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—The bituminous coal miners of the country are preparing to ask for an increase of from 18 to 20 per cent in wages at the coming session of the national convention.

W. D. Ryan, of Illinois, says his district will ask for an increase, and the Indiana and Ohio leaders say they will ask the same. The last increase the soft coal miners received was at Columbus, three years ago. It was from 15 to 20 per cent.

The miners have had a statistician at work for months on figures on which they will base a demand for an increase.

MR. JUSTICE SHIRAS TO RETIRE NEXT FEBRUARY

He Will Be Succeeded by Judge Taft, of the Philippine Civil Commission.

It can be said authoritatively, as fore-shadowed in The Times two weeks ago, that Mr. Justice Shiras will take advantage of his seventy years and retire from the bench of the Supreme Court in the course of the coming February recess. It can be also said with the same assurance that Judge William H. Taft, now president of the Philippine Civil Commission, will be nominated to fill the vacancy.

It was the intention of Mr. Justice Shiras to offer his resignation to the President on the 1st of January, but he

was dissuaded from doing so for several reasons, principally because Judge Taft desired to adjust some important matters before he severed his connection with the insular government.

It was the intention of Judge Taft, however, to resign his present position on account of his health, even though Mr. Justice Shiras had remained on the bench. The climate has been trying to him, and, although a comparatively young, healthy, and vigorous man, he believed his life was in jeopardy should he longer remain in Manila.

ARCHDUKE AND SISTER AT END OF THEIR FINANCES

Leopold Said to Have Applied to a Jew Money Lender.

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—The "Tageblatt" today says that the Crown Princess of Saxony, Princess Louise, and her brother, the Archduke Leopold, who accompanied her when she left Salzburg, both have exhausted their ready money, and are in serious financial difficulties.

The archduke, the paper says, applied to a Jew money lender for \$20,000 which was refused.

The "Die Zeit" prints an interview with the crown princess, in which she is reported as saying:

"If the world had the faintest idea of what I suffered at the Saxon court, it would cease to condemn me."

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 30.—A certificate of organization of the Alabama Steel and Wire Corporation, of this city, has been filed with the secretary of State.

The amount of capital stock authorized is \$5,000,000, divided into 50,000 shares, one-half of which is preferred stock.

"VIGOROUS AND FAIR."

OFFICE REGISTER OF WILLS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

I find that the pages of THE TIMES have been gradually exciting more and more of my interest. The publisher is to be congratulated upon its marvelous growth and development.

As a District citizen, as well as a District official, I can appreciate its comprehensive, vigorous, and thoroughly fair treatment of those local questions which are of vital importance to our people; and that we all appreciate this is, I think, well demonstrated by the rapid strides which THE TIMES has recently made.

Louis Robert
Register of Wills.

GERMAN OBSTINACY MAY LEAD TO POINT OF WAR

"Petit Journal" Says President Has Bested Kaiser.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The "Petit Journal," in a leading article on the Venezuelan affair, says the conflict between Emperor William and President Roosevelt has ended to the advantage of the latter. The article continues:

"England finds it to her interest to agree rather with the Americans than the Germans. If Germany insists on the payment of part of the amount due before the matter is submitted to arbitration, she will run the risk of remaining isolated, with no other resource but war with the United States. Emperor William will certainly stop before he commits such a tremendous blunder."

DUTCH STEAMER ARRIVES FROM VENEZUELLAN PORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Dutch West Indian mail steamer, Prinz Willem III, arrived today from ports in Venezuela and Haiti.

Everything was quiet when the steamer left Puerto Cabello. The town had been fired on, but very little damage was done.

The blockade was not in force when the steamer left. She took on cargo at La Guaira and Puerto Cabello. At Port Au Prince, December 23, the date of sailing, the people were having a grand celebration. The new president, General Nord, was inaugurated amid enthusiasm and firing of guns.

Two regiments of artillery armed with quick-firing guns have received notice to be in readiness. The recruits, who would ordinarily join the army next May, will be called upon to do so immediately.

The cabinet will meet today to consider the situation.

ITALY PREPARED TO PROTECT HER SUBJECTS IN MOROCCO

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When the car was near the second floor, Rapp suddenly lost his balance and fell forward. The elevator boy tried to stop the flight of the vehicle. Before this could be done the man's shoulders came in contact with the second floor. Between it and the elevator his life was instantly crushed out.

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MOROCCO PRETENDER'S ARMY CLOSING IN ON FEZ

Spanish Troops Ordered Under Arms.

FOREIGNERS WARNED TO GO

Italy Preparing to Send Cruisers to Scare of Trouble—"Paris Matin" Urges Vigilance.

TANGIER, Dec. 30.—The battle in which the Sherifian troops were defeated by the rebels under the pretender took place ten hours' march from Fez, where the Sultan had recruited men for his army.

Provisions are very scarce at Fez. All foreigners in the interior have been advised to start for the coast at once.

The pretender is reported to be twenty miles from Fez.

The British consul at Fez has been given full authority to take whatever measures necessary for the safety of British subjects.

SPANISH TROOPS ORDERED TO BE READY TO GO TO FRONT

MADRID, Dec. 30.—The news received in Madrid this morning from Morocco was that the insurgents who are reported to have entirely routed the imperial troops near Fez several days ago, are gradually closing on that city.

The Spanish government continues its energetic measures to get soldiers in readiness to be sent to Morocco if necessity demands. Trains have been put in order to convey troops from the garrison towns southward should any grave news from the seat of trouble be received.

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AMERICANS AFTER CANADIAN BANK STOCK

Syndicate Offers to Buy 5,000 Shares.

An American syndicate has offered to take 5,000 shares of the stock of the Royal Bank of Canada at \$250 per share. The syndicate is composed of prominent bankers of New York and Chicago, and the price offered is much in excess of the present market value of the stock, which Consul General Foster, in a report to the State Department, says has recently been quoted at about \$185 per share.

The directors of the bank have accepted the offer, subject to the approval of the shareholders. If the sale is approved, new stock will be issued to the members of the syndicate.

Until two years ago the bank was known as the Merchants' Bank of Halifax. On October 21 its assets, amounted to \$29,216,964; the present capital stock, fully paid, is \$2,000,000, and the surplus \$1,700,000. The bank now has a branch office in New York city, and the management expects soon to open an office in Chicago.

DEATH LURKS IN DAMP PENITENTIARY CELLS

Unsanitary Conditions at Moundville, W. Va., Result in Many Cases of Consumption.

Information has been received by the Federal officers of the District that may cause the United States District Court to cancel the contract for the care and confinement of District prisoners in the West Virginia penitentiary at Moundville, W. Va. An alarming condition of the institution's sanitary system has been disclosed, and many of the prisoners are now victims of consumption.

The District of Columbia made a contract three years ago with the warden of the penitentiary to confine the District's prisoners in this West Virginia penal institution. The penitentiary is one of the smaller ones of the country, and contains but 600 cells. At the present time there are 987 prisoners, and consequently two men are placed in a cell.

Erected in 1870.

The building was erected in 1870, and the cells were not constructed on improved principles, but are very narrow and poorly ventilated. The building is in a lowland, and quantities of water accumulate about it, keeping the building damp and cold even in the heat of summer. The disclosure of the serious sanitary condition of the place was made a few days ago when the health report was made to the board of directors of the institution.

More than 100 deaths of the inmates which have occurred in the institution within the past year have been attributed to the unsanitary conditions. The death rate for the year averaged one each week. The medical director of the institution told the directors that an alarming number of cases of consumption has been found among short-term prisoners.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT WRECKS TONS OF COAL

READING, Pa., Dec. 30.—Hundreds of tons of coal were wrecked in a collision on the Schuylkill Valley division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Shoemaker, early this morning.

A northbound freight train ran into a coal train while the latter was making for a siding. About fifteen cars, loaded at the mines yesterday, were wrecked. The accident was due to a heavy fog.

All traffic is blocked and Pennsylvania trains are running over the Philadelphia and Reading tracks.

UPHEAVAL LIKELY IN CUSTOMS SERVICE

STORM, SHIPWRECK, DEATH, AND RESCUE

Reports of Stress From Both Shores of Atlantic.

SAILORS WASHED INTO SEA

Steamer Rotterdam Picks Up Crew of Schooner Abandoned in Mid-Ocean.

ANTWERP, Dec. 30.—The Holland-America Line steamship Rotterdam, which arrived here from New York today, rescued the crew of the Canadian schooner Pioneer, which was abandoned in the Atlantic.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 30.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Annie Greenlaw put in here last evening from the Banks. The schooner was out in the recent storm and had a terrible experience. Tons of water washed over her and she received considerable damage.

In the gale another schooner, apparently an American, which was near the Greenlaw, but whose name was not ascertained, lost three men, who were washed overboard from the deck and drowned.

GLoucester, Mass., Dec. 30.—News was received here yesterday from Pierre, Miquelon, by the owners of the schooner Theodore Roosevelt, that Joseph Brennan and William Johnson, two of the crew, were lost while on the fishing banks.

Brennan and Johnson strayed away from their vessel.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 30.—There is now some hope of saving the three-masted schooner Harry Prescott, which struck head on at Little Beach, last Saturday while on her way from Brunswick, Ga., to New York, loaded with lumber.

The vessel leaks badly, and part of her cargo has been jettisoned. The wrecking tug North America has succeeded in swinging her bow seaward and pulling her 500 feet nearer deep water.

The wreckers hope to float her to New York. The big schooner Herman P. Shores, Captain Torrey, lumber laden, from Fernandina, Fla., to New York, has arrived here leaking badly and in a dilapidated condition.

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FAILED TO CUT ROPE SUSPENDING SUICIDE

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—When James Powers, fireman of the Allen Thompson and Whitney Chair Company, returned to work from his breakfast this morning, he found William H. Tibbetts, the engineer, suspended from a beam in the engine room, a rope around his neck.

A chair, on which he had stood while adjusting the noose, was knocked over. Tibbetts was kicking vigorously.

Powers was so excited that he ran for a policeman instead of cutting the rope. When Powers returned with the policeman Tibbetts was dead.

Appointment of Mr. Armstrong as Mr. Spaulding's Successor Said to Forecast Changes of Importance Long Contemplated by Secretary Shaw.

Loose Methods and Lack of System Said to Have Prevailed in Treasury Department to Such an Extent That Drastic Measures Will Be Taken.

The retirement of Assistant Secretary Spaulding of the Treasury Department, and the appointment of Mr. Armstrong as his successor is taken as an indication that a more vigorous policy will be pursued by the Treasury in dealing with the shortcomings of customs officials. While Mr. Armstrong has not made public definite plans, it is said his induction into office will be followed by some Treasury Department house cleaning; that is, that some officials whose records have not been of the best will be forced to retire.

Mr. Spaulding's ill-health has for some time prevented him from as close an observation of the alleged questionable operations of certain customs officials as Secretary Shaw believes is necessary for the good of the service. Recently much of the work of the Assistant Secretary has been performed by subordinates, and this has enabled those with an inclination for crooked dealings to avoid detection, and to have their work passed over without close inspection.

It is said certain customs officers, for instance, have regarded Mr. Spaulding as "easy," and have not been called to as strict an accounting as should have been done. Some of these are likely to be displaced under the new regime, as there will be more strict discipline.

Changes Long Contemplated.

For a year or more it has been apparent changes would have to be made, and, in fact, it is said ever since Secretary Shaw came into office he has been looking for an excuse to remedy what he believed to be defects in the customs service. His complaint has not been against men, so much as against methods pursued. Some of the methods employed in handling the customs service are not what the Secretary of the Treasury believes they should be, and as Mr. Armstrong is in full sympathy and close touch with his chief, his appointment will mean that Secretary Shaw's plans for the improvement of the service are to be carried into effect.

While there is no reflection to be passed upon Mr. Spaulding, it is said he has been too lenient with officials coming under his branch of the service, and has allowed them to formulate policies which have resulted more to their own benefit than to the good of the service.

Drilled for Position.

The Assistant Secretary is a young man—only twenty-nine years old—and the youngest who ever held this responsible position. Ever since he came to Washington as private secretary to Secretary Shaw he has been in training for a higher position, and has made a particular study of those branches, and especially the customs service, under the tutelage of the Assistant Secretary. He has demonstrated an ability for the office which has convinced Secretary Shaw that he is the man for whom he has been looking to carry on his place. The plan to place him in the position of Assistant Secretary was not a sudden one, but has been the result of a long and careful study of the customs service, and the Secretary of the Treasury has been convinced that Mr. Armstrong will be retained by the Treasury officials in some subordinate position, where the burden of responsibility will be lighter. Owing to his long service and his technical knowledge of tariff schedules and customs rulings, it will be easy to utilize him in a less important position, and this will doubtless be done.

HALF-PAY PENSION FOR AGED EMPLOYEES

Standard Oil Co. to Retire Its Workers at Sixty-Four.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—New Year Day will have an added pleasure this year for the employees of the Standard Oil Company, on account of a general pension plan for their benefit which goes into effect on January 1.

S. C. T. Dodd, general solicitor of the Standard Oil Company, has outlined the plan, which provides, among other things, that any employee who has reached the age of sixty-four years, after a service of twenty-five years, may retire on half pay for one year.

The Hotel Barton Invites Its patrons, friends, and the public to a complimentary buffet luncheon on New Year's Day, from 12 to 2 p. m. The famous Handel Quartet, accompanied by Weber's Orchestra, will render choice selections. Louis Suter, chef, assisted by Phil Mott, will serve—Adv.